

'862 Patent: "separating"

- **"separating"** the optical signal communicated for processing into at least a first portion of optical signal wavelengths and a second portion optical signal wavelengths"

The Parties' Proposed Constructions

Cheetah Omni

Separating the optical signal into two or more wavelengths.

Defendants

separating the "optical signal" into at least two groups of wavelengths, **each containing different communication channels**

This Construction Is Controlled By The Construction Of "optical signal"

- If the "optical signal" is construed as Cheetah proposes, then the separating step does not generate "communication channels."